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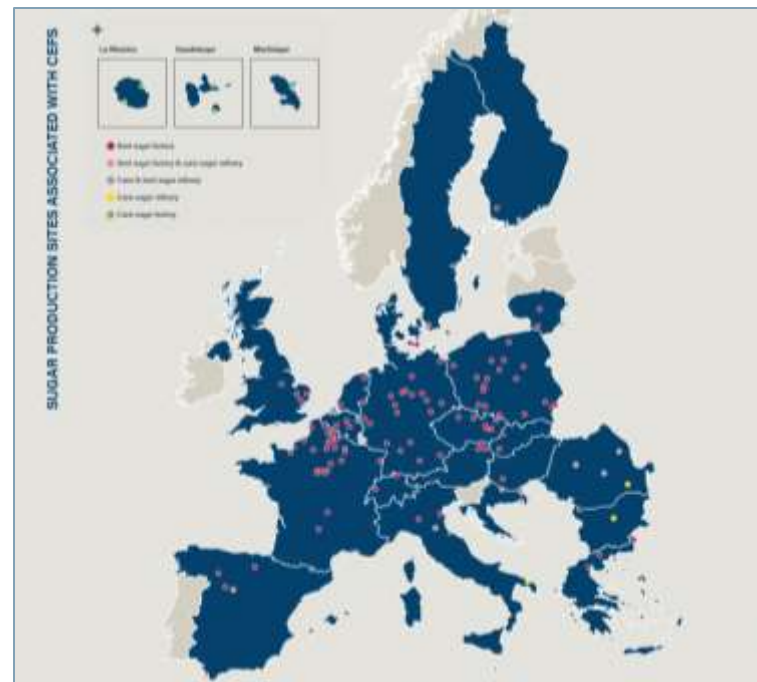
The view from the EU sugar manufacturers



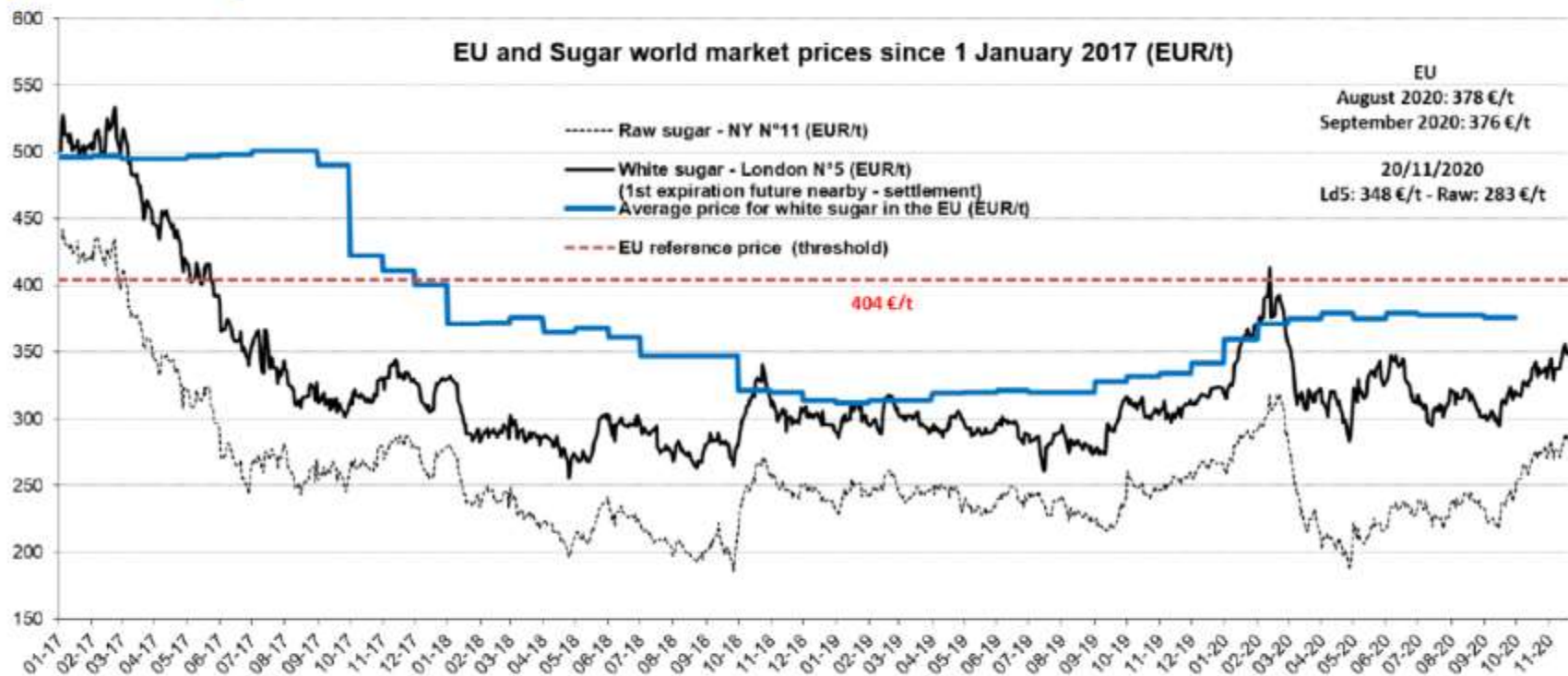
The EU sugar industry matters

- 104 factories supporting around 360,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- High-quality, remunerative employment in some of the EU's most vulnerable rural areas.
- 1 job generates 14 jobs along the chain
- Labour productivity of 150,000 EUR per employee, versus 57,000 EUR in the wider food & beverages industry.
- 15.6 billion euros contributed to the EU's GDP.

Source: WiFOR. Reference year 2017.



World prices



- **Level playing field**
- **Effective crisis management within the new CAP**
- **A fair (green) deal for EU beet sugar**
 - Economic impact assessments
 - Acknowledging positive contributions
 - Targets in line with the financial/economic sustainability
 - Consistency between policies

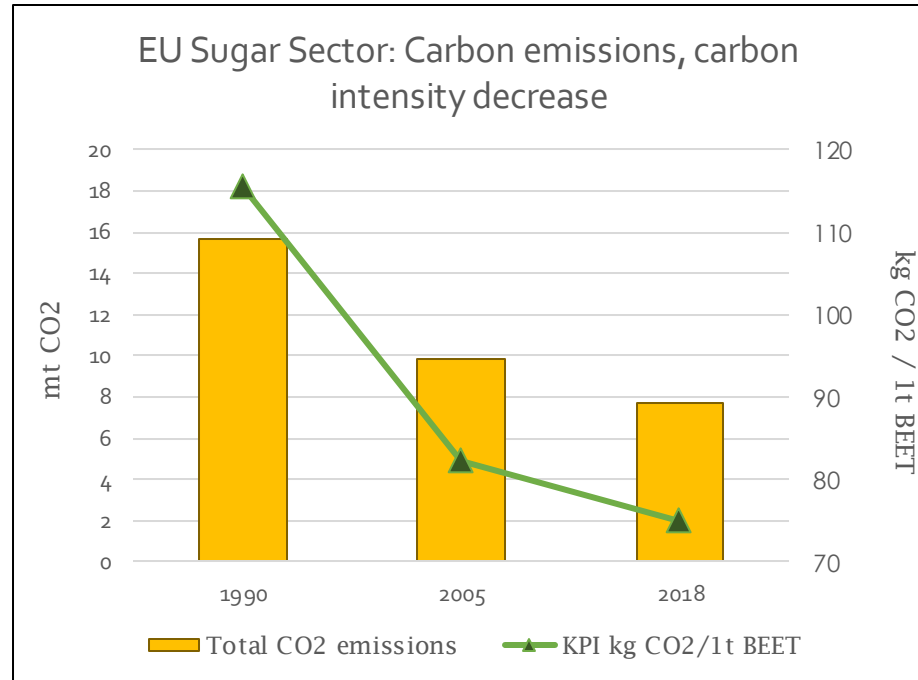




What sugar manufacturers can produce with sugar beets: the circular bioeconomy in action!

EU sugar industry has been a front runner in increasing energy efficiency and reducing GHG emissions

- Produce steam and electricity in an energy-efficient manner (through use of combined heat and power systems and heat recovery)
- Up to 90% of the water used in the factory comes from the beet itself
- EU sugar manufacturers have decreased their CO₂ emissions by 51% compared to 1990
- Sector committed to further reduce GHG emissions by 2030 and ultimately by 2050 but limited potential for further increase of energy efficiency



The path to carbon neutrality by 2050 must be supported by solid legal and financial tools



Thank you for your kind attention

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